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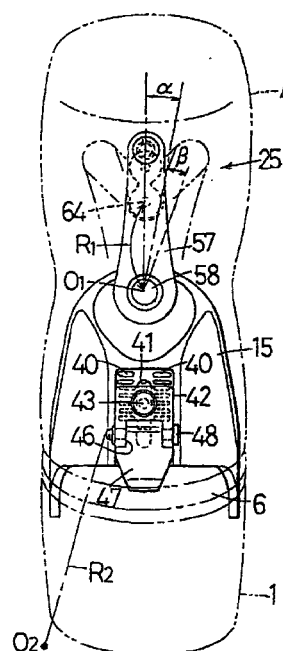
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(54) **Multiple jointed back support system for a snowboard boot**

(57) A back support structure for a snowboard boot includes a back support member (15) for supporting a back surface of an ankle and a linking mechanism (25) coupled to the back support member for coupling the back support member to a leg member of the snowboard boot. The linking mechanism includes a first pivot coupling and a second pivot coupling so that the back support member may pivot relative to the leg member around multiple axes to accommodate complex sideways inclinations of the leg.

Figure 3



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